

# ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL SIGNATURES

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The undersigned authors of the DIRECT argument IN FAVOR OF ballot proposition C  
 at the GENERAL election for the CITY OF CHULA VISTA to be held on JUNE 5, 2012 hereby state  
 Election Title Jurisdiction Date  
 that such argument is true and correct to the best of THEIR knowledge and belief.  
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## NOTE

At least one of the authors/signers (designated the "filer") shall meet the criteria of being a registered voter in the jurisdiction in which the proposition appears.  
 Any other signers are not required to meet that or any other criteria and are assumed to appear at the discretion and approval of the filer.

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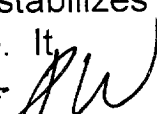
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## NOTE

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By all accounts, an elected city attorney should be a position of public service sacrificing personal gain for the public good. Yet this office with a staff of 8 pays more than the California Attorney General and the Attorney General of the United States. And if another city wants to pay their attorney more, our City Attorney receives an automatic raise, whether you agree or not. Proposition C reduces and stabilizes the salary of the city attorney to that of a superior court judge. It saves taxpayers over \$30,000 each year. ~~in pay and pension.~~ 

When Chula Vista voters opted to elect their city attorney they believed that an elected attorney would be more responsive to the people. While it remains to be seen whether an elected attorney is more or less independent, the initiative did create a lifetime political post with no limit or accountability on compensation and government funded benefits. And when the city attorney has a conflict of interest, it lacks provisions to select a truly independent outside attorney.

Chula Vista voters have passed term limits for the Mayor and City Council. Why should the City Attorney be different? The City Attorney should be subject to those same rules. This proposition will limit the city attorney to two four-year terms, the same as every other elected official in Chula Vista.

Then there's the question of what to do when the city attorney has a conflict of interest. Under current law, the city attorney selects and hires an attorney when they have a conflict of interest or are the subject of an investigation. This proposition permits the City Council to independently hire an attorney when the city attorney has a conflict of interest.

Proposition C insures that your City Attorney is responsive to you at a price we can afford. YES on Prop C!